

January 25, 2021  
Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
FCC  
45 L Street N.E.  
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20200417-00037

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am a teacher and school administrator in western Alaska and am writing in support of the Star Link program . Our region's main existing internet provider GCI provides a subpar service at an extreme premium price point; most families in Western Alaska including my own do not have internet service in their home because the cost is too high. We need more competition to increase the quality of service so that students and families can have a more reliable educational experience during the current pandemic and beyond. I have already signed up for Star Link should it become a viable service and am more than willing to make the initial investment in equipment.

Respectfully,

Joel M. Thomas